

SHORT COMMUNICATIONS

Lepidosperma amansiferrum* is an orthographic error of *L. amantiferrum

The name *Lepidosperma amansiferrum* R.L.Barrett was recently published for a new species restricted to banded ironstone formations in the southern Goldfields of Western Australia (Barrett 2007). Karen Wilson and Peter Wilson (both Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney) recently drew my attention to an error in the way the Latin words were combined to form this name. Constructed from the Latin words *amans* (loving) and *ferrum* (iron), the word *amans*, when combined with *ferrum*, should be declined to *amanti-* (Stearn 1992). This is considered a correctable error under the current International Code of Botanical Nomenclature (McNeil *et al.* 2006; see Article 60.8 and Recommendation 60G), thus the correct name should be cited as follows: *Lepidosperma amantiferrum* R.L.Barrett, *Nuytsia* 17: 39–40 (2007) (as ‘*amansiferrum*’).

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